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To TA Bryan

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Subject Re: Keystone Science Panels - Important Information for Registrants

Hi Todd,

I will be able to arrive on time tomorrow, because I can travel today. But next week will be a problem. I am not allowed, and have specifically been asked not to travel on the Monday holiday, Columbus Day. Given that winter has arrived here, I will leave Kenai around 7am, arriving around 10am. I hope you can save me a seat.

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"To protect your rivers, protect your mountains."

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Date: 09/29/2012 09:08 AM
Subject: Keystone Science Panels - Important Information for Registrants

Dear Registrants,

Thank you for registering for the Keystone Center science panels. I want to follow up in a general way on some of the questions posed when people registered, and to provide additional logistical information.

Many of the questions on the registration website relate to the potential impacts on the region from mining in general or specifically from Pebble. The science panels scheduled for October 2-4 and 9-11 are focused on Pebble's baseline environmental and socioeconomic studies and not on potential impacts of a mine. The baseline studies were conducted to characterize the existing no-mine conditions. The credibility and sufficiency of these studies is critical and the science panels are charged with evaluating these studies. The panel members are not prepared to answer questions that relate to the proposed mine or to potential impacts. The Keystone Center is planning an additional science panel that is focused on the mine plan that will provide an opportunity to raise these questions. The goals of the October 2-4 and 9-11 panels are the following:

- To help stakeholders make sense of the PLP scientific studies that were undertaken to characterize baseline conditions
- To help stakeholders assess the credibility and sufficiency of the PLP baseline studies
- To recommend additional baseline studies if necessary

Important logistics for the panel sessions:

1. We have reached our seating capacity for each panel and have closed electronic registration. We expect some attrition and walk-in attendance so we are asking registrants to arrive by 8:30am. If you cannot arrive by 8:30am please email tabryan@keystone.org and let us know when you will arrive. We cannot guarantee that seats will be available after 9:15am unless we receive notice.
2. If you will not be attending, please let us know so that we can fill your seat.
3. Parking is limited near the library so please arrive early
4. Box lunches will be provided for registrants at no cost
5. The panels are live webstreamed and will rebroadcast on 360 North
6. The panels will focus on the credibility and sufficiency of the baseline studies. As mentioned above, the science panels are not prepared to discuss a mine plan or potential impacts from mining so please save those questions for a later panel
7. The public comment and discussion sessions are designed to allow attendees to ask questions of the panel members and Pebble consultants specifically about the baseline studies and to offer comments about the adequacy of the studies. Attendees will have opportunities to engage directly with the panel provided that time allows. If discussions appear to require more time, the facilitation team may direct the discussion to an optional evening session (#8).
8. We are offering an optional evening session at the end of each day to accommodate a more informal discussion with panel members, PLP consultants and attendees.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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